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For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING A SUBJECT  
AT RISK OF DEVELOPING HEART  
FAILURE BY DETERMINING THE LEVEL  
OF GALECTIN-3 OR THROMBOSPONDIN-2

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the Office on July 9, 2009, for the above-identified patent application. Applicants believe that no fees are required at this time. However, please consider this a conditional authorization to charge any fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-1700 (under Order No. BYG-101).

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